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In re Application of

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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FRO READING DATA FROM A DATA CARRIER
AND DATA CARRIER FOR USE IN THE APPARATUS AND METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows, where marked-up version of the amended claims 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, and 25 is attached as Appendix A:

IN THE CLAIM

Please amend the claim as follows:

4. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said central database (4) and said information database (51) are servers connected via a network, in particular servers connected via the Internet.

5. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said reading means (21) is operative to read data representing a block of audio information and to read a data identifier identifying said block of audio information from the data carrier (1).